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Subject:Imidacloprid

CAS No. 138261-41-3

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Effects of Three Insecticides on Hatching and Development of Four Amphibian Species 6(a)(2) Submission

Dear Sir/Madam:

We received the enclosed unpublished manuscript titled "Effects of Three Insecticides (Carbaryl, Chlorpyrifos, and Imidacloprid) on Hatching and Development of Four Amphibian Species, *Rana pipiens, Pseudacrus triseriata, Ambystoma jeffersonianum*, and *Bufo americanus*" by S. E. Julian and J. H. Howard of Frostburg State University.

The focus of the manuscript is on hatching success and developmental abnormalities. Based on the reporting of the LC50 results, the 48 hr. LC50 for Imidacloprid to a Rana sp., or mixture of Rana spp., appears to range from 175 to 220 mg/L. This is similar to imidacloprid's toxicity to fish which under EPA's classification scheme would characterize Imidacloprid as practically nontoxic to amphibians. However, since to our knowledge EPA does not have any data on the toxicity of imidacloprid to amphibians, we are bringing these results to your attention in conformance with the reporting requirements of FIFRA 6(a)(2).

If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact Mr. Melvin Tolliver of my staff at (816) 242-2150.

Sincerely,

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